Application Number: 09/584,977 Confirmation Number: 3091 REQUEST FOR Filing Date: June 2, 2000 NUED EXAMINATION (RCE) First Named Inventor: Masanao FUJIEDA TRANSMITTAL Group Art Unit: 2625 Address to: Mail Stop RCE Examiner: S. V. Perungavoor Commissioner for Patents . P.O. Box 1450 Attorney Docket Number: 04917.0075 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Attorney Customer Number: 22,852 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. Consider the arguments in the Amendment After Final previously filed on ___ i. ii. Information Disclosure Statement iii. M Amendment/Reply iv. ii. \Box Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Other __ Miscellaneous 2 Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of Inumber months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.) Other _____ 3. Fees \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) i. Petition for extension of time for (Three Months) \$1,020.00 ij. \boxtimes Other iii. Checks in the amount of \$790 and \$1,020 enclosed. \boxtimes b. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit \boxtimes

C. Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required Name: James W. Edmondson Reg. No.: 33,87183/28/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000049 09584977 Signature: Date: March 27, 2006:1801 Thereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, MAIL STOP RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: [Date] Signature: Date: Date